

## 41-400.A. Deprivation

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### Regulation 41-400

State regulations require the deprivation of parental support or care as an eligibility factor for CalWORKs. A child's deprivation is based on the status of his/her natural or adoptive parent or parents. There is no eligibility unless deprivation requirements are met.

### Definition of a Parent

A "parent" is defined as the natural or adoptive, married or unmarried, father or mother of a child.

### Questionable Parentage

When there is a question regarding the parentage concerning either parent of the deprived child(ren), the situation will be referred to the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) for resolution.

### Basis of Deprivation

A child is considered deprived of parental support and care if either parent is :

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- deceased;
- physically or mentally incapacitated;
- continually absent from the home in which the child resides; **or**
- the principal wage earner (PWE) is unemployed

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Multiple  
Deprivation  
Factors

When more than one basis of deprivation exists for the eligible child(ren) (or SSI/SSP child) the deprivation of unemployment of one parent will take precedence.

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Deprivation of  
Adopted  
Child(ren)

Deprivation for an adopted child is based on the status of the adoptive parents rather than that of the natural parents. In a one-parent adoption, deprivation is based on the absence of the second adopted parent.

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Verification of  
Deprivation

Except for immediate need request approved on the basis of apparent eligibility, CalWORKs is not to be authorized until all of the requirements which establish deprivation are met and verified.

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Change in  
Deprivation

When a basis for deprivation ceases mid-quarter, the HSS must not take mid-quarter action based on changes in deprivation. Any change in deprivation must be reported on the QR 7 and any change in eligibility or grant amount that results from the change in deprivation will be effective the first day of the next QR Payment Quarter.

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